

Application No. 09/359,809
Amendment dated October 28, 2004
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Amendments to the claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-72 (canceled without prejudice or disclaimer)

Claim 73 (currently amended): A process for manufacturing a lubricant composition comprising forming a dispersion comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer that absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, by combining said polymer with a material for lubricating a surface wherein said material for lubricating a surface comprises a solid or particulate inorganic lubricant, optionally containing an organic lubricant, or water, or a lubricant additive, or mixtures thereof said dispersion further comprising a material for decreasing friction.

Claim 74 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of claim 73 forming a dispersion comprising a superabsorbent polymer that absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, said dispersion further comprising a material for decreasing friction.

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Claim 75 (currently amended): The lubricant product composition of claim 74 wherein said organic lubricant material for decreasing friction comprises a petroleum oil lubricant or grease thereof, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 76 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of forming a mixture comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer, said mixture further comprising a material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction, wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water and wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction comprises a solid lubricant comprising an inorganic compound, carbon or metal that provides barrier-layer lubrication, or mixtures thereof, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 77 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 76, wherein said solid lubricant comprises, molybdenum disulfide, cobalt chloride, antimony oxide, niobium selenide, tungsten disulfide, mica, boron nitride, silver sulfate, cadmium chloride, cadmium iodide, cadmium oxide, borax, basic white lead, lead carbonate, lead monoxide, lead iodide, asbestos, talc, zinc oxide, zinc phosphate, iron phosphate, manganese phosphate, carbon, graphite, babbitt, bronze, brass, aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, thorium, copper, silver, gold, mercury, lead, tin, indium, or the Group VIII noble metals or mixtures thereof.

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Claim 78 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 74 wherein said organic lubricant material for decreasing friction comprises a solid organic lubricant, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 79 (previously presented): The lubricant composition of claim 78, wherein said solid organic lubricant comprises a fluoroalkylene homopolymer or copolymer, a lower alkylene polyolefin homopolymer or co-polymer, a paraffinic hydrocarbon wax, phenanthrene, copper phthalocyanine, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 80 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of forming a mixture comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer, said mixture further comprising a material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction, wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, and wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction comprises water containing a lubricant additive.

Claim 81 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of forming a mixture comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer, said mixture further comprising a material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction, wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, and wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction

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comprises an oil or greases thereof and water, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 82 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of forming a mixture comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer, said mixture further comprising a material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction, wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction comprises a solid lubricant and water, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The lubricant composition of claim 82, wherein said solid lubricant comprises molybdenum disulfide, cobalt chloride, antimony oxide, niobium selenide, tungsten disulfide, mica, boron nitride, silver sulfate, cadmium chloride, cadmium iodide, cadmium oxide, borax, basic white lead, lead carbonate, lead monoxide, lead iodide, asbestos, talc, zinc oxide, zinc phosphate, iron phosphate, manganese phosphate, carbon, graphite, babbitt, bronze, brass, aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, thorium, copper, silver, gold, mercury, lead, tin, indium, the Group VIII noble metals, a fluoroalkylene homopolymer or copolymer, a lower alkylene polyolefin homopolymer or co-polymer, a paraffinic hydrocarbon wax, phenanthrene, copper phthalocyanine, or mixtures thereof.

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Claim 84 (currently amended): A lubricant composition of matter comprising a product produced by the process of forming a mixture comprising a polymer where said polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer, said mixture further comprising a material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction, wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs more than about 100 times its weight in water, wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction comprises a phosphate, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 85 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 84, wherein said material for lubricating a surface decreasing friction comprises tricresyl phosphate, zinc phosphate, iron phosphate or manganese phosphate, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 86 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 74 wherein said organic lubricant material for decreasing friction comprises a fatty oil, fatty acid, or wax, or mixtures thereof, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 87 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 74 wherein said organic lubricant material for decreasing friction comprises a synthetic oil lubricant, or grease thereof, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

Claim 88 (currently amended): The lubricant composition of claim 74 wherein said organic lubricant material for decreasing friction comprises a soap, and wherein said composition optionally comprises a lubricant additive.

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Claim 89 (previously presented): The composition of any one of claims 73-79, and 84-88 wherein said composition is substantially anhydrous.

Claim 90 (previously presented): The composition of any one of claims 73-88 wherein said superabsorbent polymer comprises a polymer of acrylic acid, an acrylic ester, acrylonitrile, acrylamide, co-polymers thereof or mixtures thereof.

Claim 91 (previously presented): The composition of any one of claims 75-88 wherein said lubricant additive comprises an antioxidant, rust inhibitor, antiwear compound, extreme pressure additive, detergent, dispersant, pour point depressant, viscosity-index improver, or foam inhibitor, or mixtures thereof.